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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Kozue Umeda, Atsuko Miyaji, "A Group Signature Scheme Based on Nyberg-Rueppel Signatures", 2003 Nen Ango to Joho Security Symposium Yokoshu, Vol. 1 of 2, 26 January, 2003 (26.01.03), pp. 327 to 332;

2. Takamitsu Katoh, Shouichi Hirose, Michihiko Minoh, Katsuo Ikeda, "ElGamal no Kokai Kagi Angokei ni Motozuku Group Shomei ni Yoru Shomei Protocol", 1992 Nen the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers – Soritsu 75 Shunen Kinen – Shuki Taikai Koen Ronbunshu, separate Vol. 1, 15 September, 1992 (15.09.92), p. 1-187;

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3. G. Ateniese and B. de Medeiros, "Efficient Group Signatures Without Trapdoors", In Advances in Cryptology – ASIACRYPT 2003, LNCS, 2894, pp. 246-268, Spinger –Verlag, 2003;

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5. G. Ateniese, J. Camenisch, M. Joye and G. Tsudik, "A Practical and Provably Secure Coalition-Resistant Group Signature Scheme", In Advances in Cryptology – CRYPTO2000, LNCS 1880, pp. 255-270, Springer-Verlag, 2000;

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7. Torben Pryds Pedersen, "A Threshold Cryptosystem Without a Trusted Party", Aarhus University, Computer Science Department, pp. 522-526;

8. Kaisa Nyberg et al., "Message Recovery for Signature Schemes Based on the Discrete Logorithm Problem", R^3 Security Engineering AG, Switzerland, pp. 182-193; and

9. C.P. Schnorr, "Efficient Signature Generation by Smart Cards", Fachbereich Mathematik/Informatik, Universitat Frankfurt, March 1991.

The relevance of the above-identified references 1 and 2 has been described in the Search Report, a copy of which is also enclosed. Reference Nos. 3 – 9 have been described in the specification. Copies of the foregoing references are enclosed.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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